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July 31, 2014

TO:

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FROM:

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. CHMUQ X HOTO

Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT:

NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT LETTER OF ALLOCATION NUMBER 201319 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MATERNAL

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAMS

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on February 4, 2014, to accept a forthcoming Letter of Allocation (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to support Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at an estimated amount of \$4,732,849, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO to include significant contractual provisions required by the State that depart from standard Board approved language, including insurance and indemnification.

Under this delegated authority, I will accept LOA Number 201319 from CDPH in the amount of \$3,177,699 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. This funding will allow the Department of Public Health MCAH Programs to continue to implement program goals related to improving health care for women of child bearing age, pregnant and parenting women, and children and their families by assuring access to quality care. Funded programs include the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program; Fetal Infant Mortality Reporting and the Safe Sleep initiative; Los Angeles Mommy and Baby; and the Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event. Funding for the Black Infant Health Program in the estimated amount of \$1,555,150 is still pending CDPH's final approval of the budget.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved LOA Number 201319 as to use and advised that your Board be informed that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in this agreement include provisions requiring County to indemnify, defend and hold harmless CDPH for all losses related to this agreement. This is a standard

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requirement from CDPH and cannot be waived or modified. CEO Risk Management has advised of the risks associated with these provisions. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer County Counsel Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors